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# THE RUSSIANS STAND

Long Expected Battle in Manchuria in Progress.

OPENED AT 5 O'CLOCK

JAPANESE ATTACK THE ENEMY'S CENTER AND RIGHT.

Large Force Reported to Be Advancing Northward West of the Railway-

The Mikado's Birthday. The heaviest battle of the war is raging

today around Liao Yang, Manchuria. Following the rear guard action which General Kuropatkin has fought in his retirement from Anning and Anshanshan, he has either elected or been forced to give battle, and is meeting the attack of the combined armies of Kuroki, Nodzu and Oku. Dispatches from the battlefield show that at dawn today the Japanese opened a terrific artillery fire, directed mainly against the Russian center and right. After four hours of galling shrapnel fire the cannonading slackened, and at 9 o'clock the Japanese general advance began. An Associated Press dispatch sent from Liao Yang at 6:49 this evening shows that the battle was increasing in intensity, the Japanese pressing forward until at one point their advance developed into a hand-to-hand fight, the Russians repelling them with the bayonet. The Associated Press dispatches and the

Russian official reports indicate that the Russians occupy a semicircle of about nine miles in length protecting Liao Yang, the center and right of this line receiving the brunt of the fighting up to the last advices. So far the reports do not indicate the trend of the action, but reports to the Russian war office say that the battle will extend over several days.

The combined forces engaged are estimated at between 200,000 and 400,000 of all

ST. PETERSBURG, August 30.-The long expected battle at Liao Yang has begun and the two armies are now fighting what probably will be the decisive battle of the campaign. The Japanese armies are attacking Gen. Kuropatkin's forces upon his chosen ground near Liao Yang and his friends and admirers here are confident that, having accepted a general engagement, he will defeat the Japanese.

The latest reports received by the war office indicated that the battle will probably extend for several days. The Japanese are directing their energies to bombarding segments of the circle of defensive positions occupied by the Russians. The latter already have suffered heavily from the hail of shells.

The Russian cavalry won a notable success west of Liao Yang, repulsing the Japanese advance from that direction. This was the first time the Russian cavalry had an opportunity to charge the Japanese on open ground since the war began.

## The Main Attack.

A dispatch from General Sakharoff, dated from Liao Yang, at 10 a.m. today, says: "The main Japanese attack is being directed against the Russian center and right, where the Russian losses have been the heaviest.

"The Japanese posted numerous artillery within range of all the Russian positions during the night. A hot fire was opened at 5 a.m., and by 9 o'clock the Japanese were close to the Russian positions.' The Japanese shrapnel fire inflicted considerable losses on our troops at several points. Lieut. Col. Pokatiloff, commanding battery of the sixth east Siberian brigade, was killed.

"The Japanese are delivering an obstinate attack on our center and at 9 o'clock this morning they were in close proximity to our advanced guard." General Sakharoff also reports that a

large Japanese force is advancing north-ward along the Taitse river valley, west of the railroad. The Russian cavalry, which prevented the turning of the Russian right flank Sunday, had to operate in the fields of Chinese corn, which was above the heads of the riders. The report from General Sakharoff also announces an engagement between a Russian force and 150 Chinese bandits, of whom about fifty were killed. In a brief telegram received this morning Kuropatkin says the general advance of the Japanese began yesterday at noon, the Russian outposts falling back upon the main lines. The heaviest fighting was taking place when his dispatch was sent, from a point ten miles southeast of Liao Yang, where the Japanese seemed to be concentrating for their main attack. The Russlans suffered principally from the shrapnel fire of the Japanese artillery.

## The Mikado's Birthday.

The Japanese selected the mikado's birthday for the decisive battle and it will not be surprising if today is also signalized by

a grand assault on Port Arthur. The Russian forces are disposed at Liao Yang to meet the onslaught of the three Japanese armies described in these dispatches yesterday. The telegram from Gen. Kuropatkin which gives this information, together with the details of the retirement of the Russian troops upon Liao Yang, has not been given out, for strategic reasons. The combined armies of Generals Kuroki, Oku and Nodzu probably exceed two hundred thousand men. Their forces are considerably superior in numbers to Gen. Kuropatkin's, but the Russian commander-in-chief probably relies upon the strength and character of his position to overcome the disparity in numbers.

The war office is waiting with breathless enxiety for news of the progress and issue

of the battle on which so much depends. Firing Opened at 5 O'Clock.

LIAO YANG, August 30.-Rifle firing began at the southward at 5 o'clock this morning. From 5 o'clock there has been an incessant shower of shrapnel. The heaviest cannonading is coming from the southeast, where the Japanese evidently have numerous guns. Deadly shells are bursting everywhere, their white smoke being distinctly traceable against the dark foliage on the mountain sides. The Japanese are searching the whole countryside with their fire, selecting certain squares of territory on which for a few moments they mass a hail of shot and shell from all their guns.

They then pass to another square, thus working the whole field, with mathematical precision, from right to left. In this way the entire Russian front has been systematically searched in the first four hours of the capponading. Then began the capponading. the cannonading. Then began the general Japanese advance along the whole line.

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TWO CENTS.

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Today is the anniversary of the birth of he Japanese emperor, and the Russian army expects a general advance upon its positions around Liao Yang. Everybody is keyed up for the long-awaited moment, and the Russian soldiers face today's prob-

able events with confidence.
From early morning until noon yesterday in Liao Yang could be heard the dull rum-ble of distant guns. Then a lull of four hours ensued, when, suddenly, firing re-opened to the southwest heavier and nearer than before, and continued with but little ntermission until darkness fell. A body of Japanese troops reached a point five miles west of the railway staion yesterday evening, but was dispersed.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting. The battle is growing in intensity. The Japanese fire is chiefly directed on the Russian southern end. The advance was pressed with such vigor that it developed into hand-to-hand fighting, the 23d Regiment repelling an attack at the point of the bayonet. One Japanese battery was dis-

mantled. Wounded men have been pouring into Liao Yang since 8 o'clock this morning, mostly hurt by shrapnel shells and some by rifle bullets. The heights of Maetung. the railroad, have been showered with

## SAVING THE IMPEDIMENTA.

Stout Resistance by the Rear Guard of the Russians.

LIAOYANG, August 29 (delayed).-Throughout August 27 and 28 the Russian eastern divisions continued to fall back in good order on Liaoyang, but the movement was slow on account of bad roads and the difficulties of transportation, and the Japanese pressed closely several times with light batteries, dragging guns to the hills and shelling the troops, whose retirement was covered by Russian guns. Consequently there were frequent artillery duels.

General Marson was wounded and there were other losses of about 250 men. The Japanese scouts are extremely active today (Monday). Rain is falling, but the rumble of artillery can still be heard to the eastward.

The Russian retreat from Anshanshan was ordered for strategic reasons, practi-cally no resistance being offered. A light screen of batteries, facing the Japanese guns, beautifully disposed on a chain of hills, masked the withdrawal of the main When night fell the batteries also took up the retreat, their rear guard lightbivouac fires to conceal the movement But the Japanese soon discovered this ruse and pressed forward, coming up with the Russian rear guards Sunday morning. For an hour the light batteries were hotly en-gaged: To the lot of the Omsk, Tobolsk and Krasnovarsk regiments fell the duty of covering the retreat of General Zaroubaleft's fourth Siberian army corps. The task was difficult, as the enemy continued to ad-vance, deploying light mountain guns against the Russian rear and left flanks, and it was imperative that the enemy should be held back to permit the removal of the baggage and artillery trains. The roads were washed out and heavy with mud, produced by the deluge of rain pre-ceding Friday. Many guns were mired and the horses exhausted. Cossacks and infantrymen were harnessed to the guns and managed to haul them along. It was slow

work but was successfully accomplished.

The greatest difficulty of the retirement on the east front was experienced before Vanbantai Pass, where it was necessary to hold the Japanese in check until the artillery transport passed through, and also to keep in touch with the tenth army corps, commanded by General Herschelmann, to the north, as well with the southern division, in order to prevent a turning move-

From dawn until dark the eastern troops although fatigued by four days' fighting, sustained a rear guard action.

#### WAR'S EXAGGERATIONS. Gen. Dragomiroff Ridicules Tales of Japanese Exploits.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 30.-Gen. Dragomiroff, the former governor-general of Kieff and authority on military matters, devotes a long article, published in a military magazine today, to the exaggerations of the war, ridiculing the marvelous tales of Japanese exploits, in scaling precipitous heights, etc., and saying that the imagination of some of the Russian correspondents is apparently running riot.

He refers to one correspondent who described the Cossacks' lances and swords as being blunted on shirts of mail worn by Japanese officers, and quotes another who described the Japanese as transporting dummies, which were used to distract the Russian fire. The general mentions a third correspondent, who said the Japanese gunners carry a map of the whole of Man-churia with every range marked on it. Gen. Dragomiroff, who himself is a partibayonet, takes issue with the assertions that the Japanese have a distaste for this weapon, declaring that the Japanese evidently understand its use better than the Russians, knowing the folly of rushing at an enemy from a long distance without preliminary fire. He says the Japanese of the past were accustomed to cold steel and produced some famous swordsmen and sword makers.

## A GERMAN VIEW.

Prospects of Russians in Manchuria

Deemed Hopeless. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, August 30 .- A cable dis-

patch from Berlin says: The Militar Wochenblatt considers the prospects of the Russians in Manchuria as being nearly, if not altogether, hopeless. It is anticipated that retirement on the part of the Russian army beyond Liao Yang will be fought with heavy loss, especially along the east

front. The Japanese are gradually narrowing their semi-circular front and they have reduced their line of advance very materially. This contraction of Japanese front has materfally lessened Kuropatkin's chances of making successful attack upon any one point of the enemy's line. It will be pos-sible for Kuroki greatly to hamper Kuro-patkin's retreat to the north if not to cut

it off altogether.

The German critics admit the possibility that the envelopment of the Russian left wing by the Japanese and the blockade of the northern line of retreat might checkmated and perhaps thwarted by counter movement on the part of a force operating from Mukden, but there would seem to be no just cause to assume that the Russians have sufficient troops at their disposal in that region for a maneuver of

#### RUSSIA'S AMAZING DOCTRINE. British Shipping Interests Greatly Stirred Up.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, August 30.-A cable dispatch from London says: The shipping interests are not pacified by Russia's latest assurances regarding her war on British trade. The damage continues and the lukewarmness of the government in not denouncing the amazing action of Russia in

Stories of Bravery on Both Sides.

REPORT FROM STOESSEL

TELLS OF JAPANESE REPULSE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Some of the Larger Russian Guns Put Out of Action by the Enemy's Batteries.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 30.-Direct news of Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, up to August 25, and of a favorable character, has been received here. General Stoessel's report says that the Japanese attacks were repulsed till August 25, with heavy loss to the attackers. He gives no details of the positions held or of the Russian losses in men, but says the officers suffered severely, especially the younger ones. Some of the larger Russian guns were placed out of action by the Japanese batteries and were replaced by field pieces. He reports that the morale of the garrison is excellent. Finally, the general recommends Generals Fock, Kondratenko, Smirnoff and others for bravery and devotion.

The navy as well as the army will share in the benefits of the imperial decree, published today, by which the term of military service for soldiers of the Port Arthur gar rison is reduced so that every month served from May last until the end of the year shall count for one year of the full term of service. This is repetition of what was done at the time of the siege of Se bastopol.

Events at Port Arthur.

CHEFOO, August 30 .- The last issue re ceived here of the Novi Krai, the official organ at Port Arthur, contains an article warmly praising the conduct of Captain Lebedieff. commanding the marines at Zaredoutni, who stood on top of a wall, his revolver in one hand and his sword in the other, and killed or wounded twenty-odd Japanese, who, mounting on the shoulders of their comrades, attempted to scale the wall. When the Japanese were repulsed Captain Lebedieff sat down and was wiping the prespiration from his face when a schrappel shell tore his body to pieces. The Port Arthur Novi Krai, in its issue of August 26, speaking of the incidents of the siege occurring between August 22 and August 26, makes no mention of any general assault during that period, but records several desperate attacks on the Russian

The Russia nconsul at Chefoo says the Novi Krai relates only facts, but colors them with the intention of inspiring the emulation of heroic deeds.

Gallant Attack Repulsed.

Following a grand three days' assault on the defenses of Port Arthur the Japanese rested during the daytime of August 23. At 11 o'clock that night they conceu trated a strong force to attack the Zaro-dcutni fort, which is a strong position on the Russian right flank. The Japanes made clever use of the available cover creeping forward in Indian fashion for one hour in spite of the Russian rifle fire. Midnight found them properly formed within striking distance of the fortifications. They then made a powerful rush, but wer mowed down in all but one quarter.

Here a body of Japanese succeeded in entering the fort over the dead bodies of their comrades, but nearly all were bayonetted inside the fort. The remnant retreat-ed, losing severely as they fled. After re-

pulsing the enemy the Russian troops The Japanese searchlights showed ghastly heaps of dead, like magic lantern pictures The Japanese soon were reinforced, and recommenced the attack furiously, but again were repulsed. The Novi Krai sober asserts that the Japanese troops were

forced forward by their own shrapnel fire, the guns having been placed behind them to prevent a retreat. A third attempt to capture the position also failed, and, anticipating a fourth attack, the Russians were reinforced, but the fourth attack was not made.

The Zaradoutni presented to the Japanese a high stone wall of Chinese construction. and the fact that one detachment succeed ed in scaling it is accounted marvelous. Daylight found the belligerents in that quarter engaged in an artillery duel. Gen Gorbatowsky personally directed the Russian fire, although he had been six days and six nights without sleep. The fort suffered considerably from the Japanese artillery, and Gen. Gorbatowsky ordered the garrison into undamaged trenches The next glimpse the Russians had of the Japanese was at 10 o'clock on the morning of August 24, when a mountain battery of mules was seen in motion. The Russian opened fire on this battery and dispersed !! At noon of the 24th, two Japanese columns were observed, one behind Sugar Head Hill and the other near the railroad bridge

but they retired when the Russian artil lery made an attack on them. Heavy Bombardment Opened.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 24th the Japanese began a heavy bombardment of the Russian position with their 120 mlllimetre guns, and at the same time a Jap-anese column of infantry and cavalry appeared at Palichuang. At 6 o'clock that afternoon the Japanese furiously attacked the entire northeastern front of the Rus sian defenses, but they were compelled to

retire with considerable loss.

The foregoing is an account of a battle mentioned in these dispatches yesterday as having occurred August 26. Whether the fighting which presumably did occur on the 26th was a separate attack or whether the Chinese who reported the occurrence were inaccurate in their dates cannot be

The night of August 24 was quiet. On the morning of the 25th the Japanese artil lery opened up along the entire eastern front, but most severely on the northern

During the night of the 25th, Captain Stempneffsky, with a small force, made a sortie and attempted to disperse a Japanese battery located on Corner Hill, but without success. This sortie was made by High Hill. The Novikrai adds that the Japanese were building trenches in front of the hills from Corner Hill to High Hill, but it does not mention the retreat of the Russians from the latter place. The Japanese have about thirty guns, some of them mounted in Chinese stone houses and others in the foot hills along the beach.
In the vicinity of Louisa bay, northwest

of Port Arthur, the Japanese have two hundred guns concealed in a corn field. Heavy Loss on Both Sides.

A junk, which left the Liaoto promontory the afternoon of August 29, brings confirmation of the report of fighting at Pall Chuang on the 26th, making it clear that there had been a fight of several days' duration in that section, during which both sides lost heavily. The Japanese succeeded in holding their position and mounting guns, which, together with those at Chao Chanko, exchanged a fierce fire with Rus-sian artillery from the two forts in the vicinity of Taping Tse. Chinese who came by this junk affirm

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TELLS ANOTHER STORY

NAN PATTERSON'S TALE OF TRAGIC EVENTS.

Young Actress Said to Have Told Another Story of Fatal Ride to Steamer to Europe.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, August 30.-To an intimate friend, Miss Hope Booth; Nan Patterson, who is accused of murdering Caesar Young, and who has for many months been a prisoner in the Tombs, has, it is claimed, made have told the story of her relations with the dead man and to assert her innocence. She denies any knowledge of the Morgan Smiths' whereabouts and throas new light on the mystery by claiming that Young on the day of the tragedy was perilously close

to delirium tremens. She, it was claimed, says Young deceived her as to his marriage and that when she learned how his wife really loved him she tried to induce him to remain faithful. She denies that she wanted him to stay in America, and claims that his proposed voyage was a relief to her. Incidentally she declares she had an automobiling en gagement for the day after the shooting. There is a possibility that District Attor ney Jerome may allow an annulment of the

indictment against her.
Mr. Jerome has asked that Miss Patterson be brought before him so that he can

question her personally.
In her story today Miss Patterson says: "I had never seen Caesar Young with a pistol and never knew he had one, and certainly had none myself. I didn't know any more about that pistol that you did. While we were riding down town in a there was an explosion. I was dazed, and the first thing I recalled was when a policeman stood by the door of the cab with the pistol in his hand. That is the truth of the matter."

## TO HAVE TARGET PRACTICE.

Battle Ships Have Just Returned From

a Trip to Europe. Telegrams received at the Navy Department this morning announce that the battle ships Kearsarge and Alabama arrived at Newport yesterday and that the battle ships Iowa, Illinois, Maine and Missouri have arrived at Menemsha Bight, where the entire squadron will engage in target practice for about ten days or two weeks. These vessels have just completed a cruise in European waters, extending as far east as Piraeus, the port of Athens, and including visits to Trieste, Flume, Gibraltar, Lisbon and the Azores. The return trip across the Atlantic was made in comparatively fast time and established a speed record for vessels of that class. On the close of target practice the vessels will proceed to various ports on the north Atlantic coast in order that they overhauled and the crews given shore liberty.

## THE GOVERNMENT PREPARED. Ready to Meet Reported Motion of the

Beef Trust. Officials of the Department of Justice will be well prepared to meet the reported attempt of the beef trust at Chicago to dissolve the injunction issued against it by Judge Grosscup over a year ago. While the beef trust is apparently getting ready to make a fight in the higher courts of the United States the officials of the government are getting ready to meet the fight. and at the same time are collecting information that may establish that the trust has violated the provisions of the injunction of Judge Grosscup. Just what is the pur-pose of the beef packers as to legal proceedings at this time is not known and the government will simply await any step that may be taken. As stated, how-ever, the government is becoming thoroughly prepared by the collection of many facts as to the operations of the beef trust.

## CHANGING STATIONS OF SHIPS. The San Francisco and the New Or-

leans to Come Home. The Navy Department is informed that the protected cruiser San Francisco left Cavite yesterday for Woosung on her way to the United States by way of the Indian ocean, the Suez canal and the Mediterranean sea. The protected cruiser New Orleans, which is the flagship of the cruiser squadron of the Asiatic fleet, last reported at Cavite, is also under orders to return to the United States to be put out of commission, and will start for San Francisco in a few days. Her departure will leave the Cincinnati and Raleigh as the only cruisers on the Asiatic station. The cruiser Baltimore of the European squadron, now at Gibraltar, has been ordered to proceed to the Asiatic station to replace the New Orleans, and will start on the trip in a few days. The cruiser Des Moines sailed from Boston a few days ago for Gibraltar to take the place of the Baltimore on the European station.

Issues of the Patent Office. Inventors of the world claimed patents from the United States patent office this week to the number of 565 and a total, including trade marks, designs, etc., of 627. Of these Americans took out 516 patents and 46 trade marks, etc., 60 patents and 4 trade marks going to foreign countries. Of the last named, England took 20 patents and Germany, second, took 17. In the United States, New York led the list with 79 patents and 16 trade marks. The District of Columbia took out 4 patents, those claiming them and their inventions being: John D. Bragunier, tilting garbare recep-tacle; Louis Gathman, a system and apparatus for distilling and a method of distilling and refining hydrocarbon oils and spirits; the other being an assignment to C. A. Snow of this city.

Return of Gen. Oliver.

Gen. Oliver, assistant secretary of war, who has been spending his vacation with his family during the month of August at Murray bay, near the mouth of the St. Lawrence, has notified Chief Clerk Scofield of the War Department that he will return to this city and resume his omcial duties Thursday morning. Secretary Taft, who is to deliver a political address at Portland, Me., today expects to spend the greater part of September with his family at Murray bay.

Suicide of Lieut, Turton.

Gen. Wade cabled the War Department from the Philippines today that Second Lieut. Fitzgerald S. Turton of the 22d Infantry, stationed at Marahul, P. L., com-

Political Gossip of Capitol Guides.

THE TALK OF VISITORS

IN MANY YEARS.

SITUATION MORE COMPLEX THAN

a remarkable statement. She is said to People Are Extremely Reticent-Do Not Know How Their Neighbors Will Vote.

> "There is no better place to gauge the political tide of the country than here under the big dome," declared a member of the efficient force of Capitol guides today. "We meet people daily from all over the United States," he continued, "and it is easy to get from them an idea of the political conditions and probable results in their communities. They are not the trained politicians of the country by any means, but business men, farmers and mechanicsthe men who cast the ballots-and I have found in years gone by that the drift of talk among these visitors is about the best indications obtainable as to the probable results of the ensuing elections.

> Beginning with the above preface the guide went on to say that the sum total of the talk he and his associates had heard during the past two months, or since the national conventions have put forward their candidates and platforms, is to the effect that the coming presidential election will be the closest the American people have known for many years.

No Landslide This Year.

"It is not going to be a landslide year," predicted the guide. "All talk along such lines is without the slightest foundation in fact. The people we meet, coming as they do almost directly from their homes and from conversations with their neighbors, say it is decidedly difficult to forecast the November results. This condition of uncertainty seems to apply in many states that either one or the other of the two great parties are classing as certain. It also applies to state, congressional and presidential tickets, only under varying local conditions. Take my tip for it, there will be the greatest splitting of the votes this year the politicians have ever known. Congressional districts will send democra's to Congress and vote overwhelmingly at the same time for the republican presidential electors. This will also be true in a reversed way in other districts.

But the principal thing we notice up here is that the people are extremely reticent. It is this reticence that has got the mana-It is this reticence that has got the managers of the campaign guessing as they never guessed before. Some call the silence apathy, others say it denotes changed preferences among the voters. The latter class declare that the silence means there will be a breaking away from party affiliation among men who are not boastful of any such change in their views.

"The general and the best opinion seems to be, however, that a great number of the independent voters of the country are weighing the two parties and their candi-

weighing the two parties and their candidates carefully in the balance. They have determined to think the matter out for themselves, and following this determination. nation they are keeping their own counsel and are going to reach a decision satsfactory to themselves without the aid of

the professional politician.
"The political situation in the United States today is more complex than I have ever seen it, and I have followed the national and congressional campaigns for many long years. The man who says he can predict with any degree of certainty the results of next November's balloting is talking merely for the love of hearing his own voice. There are no premises by which the various results may be accurately figured and any forecast you may see which does not remark upon the situation as one of extreme doubt is pure guess-

work. Doubt With a Big D. "Doubt with a great big D is existing throughout the entire country, and many of the visitors we have conducted through the Capitol and who have found time for stray bits of political gossip say they are actually at a loss to know how their nextdoor neighbors will vote. This element of uncertainty seems to be the only logical thing to expect. For eight years party lines have been broken as they had not been broken in many decades. Just how many of these men who have changed will remain in the party of their latest at-tachment is a problem the political man-agers are solving with the greatest degree of difficulty." During a campaign of great interest the

guides at the Capitol conduct something of a clearing house for political news and comment under the direction of Captain Kennedy, chief of the brigade. During an hour's tour of the big building it is an easy matter for the various guides to interject a good bit of political inquiry into their conversation with the visitors. Several times daily the guides gather in the rotunda and exchange the views of the visitors. In this way they keep up with the trend of political thought in many parts of the country. The visitors to the Capitol hall from everywhere. They are usually quite proud of being asked for their po-litical views and are seldom reluctant to communicate what they believe to be the actual facts. This year, however, they are admitted their inability to tell how the battle goes. Some of them are con-vinced that the Parker telegram eliminated the silver issue, others say it did not. This diversity of opinion is found on other subjects of campaign moment, and may be taken as a typical illustration of how the voters are summing up the issues for themselves. The men of the ballots are showng an independence somewhat new to the party bosses and just how many will kick entirely over the traces when it comes to roting no one can foretell.

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There is a strong impression among the guides that New York and New Jersey may be classed as almost surely democratic.

Many of the daily visitors at the Capitol many of the daily visitors at the Capitol hail from these states, while many others have recently been in the two commonwealths. These visitors say they hear more democratic talk than anything else, and there seems to be an enthusiasm among the democrats which cannot be found in the republican camps. It is true the visitors base their statements largely upon the feeling found in the cities, where it is admitted the trend is nearly always, and is at this time decidedly, in favor of the democratic tickets.

Some Particular States. New York's thirty-nine electoral votes

and New Jersey's twelve, added to the 151 sent up from the solid south, would give Judge Parker a total of 202 votes, or thirty-seven short of the majority which will make the next President. The republicans could readily concede these two eastern states to the democrats without jeopardy. states to the democrats without jeopardy. If they vote for Parker it will simply be in line with the predictions made that the coming contest is to be the closest and the most exciting during the time the ballots are being counted of any the present generation has known.

A party of Indiana mechanics recently visited the Capitol and the artisans were plied with questions as to the probable position of the hoosier state in the next electoral college. Some of the visitors were republicable.

just as doubtful today as New York. They declared that the laboring men were going to support Judge Parker to a very great extent. This support will not be due to any particular fondness for the Esopus jurist, but will be in the nature of a personal tribute to Tom Taggart. It was stated that only the glass blowers have come out as a union for Roosevelt and Fairbanks, while the other workers in the state are either remaining consistently silent or else avowing their allegiance to the democratic cause as represented by the national chairman. Just how far the influ-ence of Mr. Taggart's personality upon the

Indiana campaign extends will not be known until the returns have been sched-All of these things seem to justify the Capitol guides in their conclusion that the November results are so doubtful no one can say what will happen. From now on the political gossip of the visitors to the home of the national legislature will become more lively and accurate and will form one of the many interesting sources of political information to be found here of political information to be found here at the capital city.

#### TO SEEK NAVAL RECRUITS.

Three Parties of Officers Will Be Sent Out September 1. Announcement was made at the Navy

Department today of the itineraries of the three naval recruiting parties which will be sent out September 1. Because of a decision of the controller of the treasury that the expense per se of recrulting parties could not be paid by the Navy Department it has been necessary to obviate this decision by change of system. The recruiting parties will be ordered to regular shore duty at the following central stations and their mileage to sub-station in the vicinity as well as their expenses at their regular posts of duty can be paid: Minneapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis, Dallas, Portland, Ore.; El Paso, Tex.; Denver, Wichita, Kan.; Los Argeles, Albany, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohlo; Richmond, Va., and Atanta, Ga.

#### INTERESTED IN MANEUVERS.

President Prevented From Going to Manassas-Letter Finished.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., August 30.-Having completed his letter of acceptance for the final reading, President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb today spent several hours in attending to some important departmental business which was forwarded here from Washington.

The President is greatly interested in the army maneuvers which are to be executed on the battlefield of Bull Run, believing they will be of practical value in elevating the morale and discipline of the troops engaged. An invitation was extended to him to be present at the maneuvers and one of be present at the maneuvers, and one of the Texas regiments insisted that he should be its guest at the encampment, but the President was obliged to decline all invitations. He will receive from time to time reports of the engagements, so that he may be made aware of the practical efficiency. clency of the forces participating.

No visitors had engagements with the President today.

## CONTEST OF LEADERS.

hief Devery Up a Tree Until Opening of the Returns. NEW YORK, August 30.-In the primaries in this city today the principal interest was

in the contest in Brooklyn between the supporters of State Senator McCarren and these who look upon Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle as their leader. sides express confidence of victory. W. S. Devery, former chief of police, is again contesting for the Tammany leadership in the ninth district of Manhattan, and

there is a warm contest among the democrats in the seventeenth assembly district The republicans are having the hardest contests in the nineteenth and twenty-fifth districts. The polls opened at 2 o'clock and will not close until 9 o'clock tonight.

Gen. Greely Detailed. At the request of the officers of the National Geographic Society the Secretary of War has detailed Brig. Gen. A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army, as one of the representatives of the War Department at the eighth international geographic congress, to be held in this city on the Stn

Manila Asks for Half-Pesos.

The bureau of insular affairs, War Department, has received a request from the Philippine government to have \$1,000,000 worth of half-pesos coined at the San Francisco mint for the Philippines.

Advices From Commander Nicholson. Commander Nicholson, commanding the cruiser Tacoma, reported by cable to the Navy Department today the arrival of his vessel at Montevideo, Uruguay. He lett San Francisco some weeks ago, and is making a cruise around South America in search of the missing merchantman Conemaugh.

Dredge on Trial Trip. The big twin screw suction dredge Manhattan, built at Sparrow's Point, Md., for the United States Army Engineer Corps, left the works of the Maryland Steel Company yesterday for her trial trip on Chesapeake bay. Her propelling machinery will be tested on the trip down the bay, and the dredging machinery in Hampton Roads. On the completion of the test the Manhattan will return to Sparrow's Point to be made ready to be transferred to the army officials. She is one of several dredges now in process of construction for the army for use about New York and other harbors.

## Personal Mention.

Col. H. O. S. Heistand, adjutant general of the Atlantic division, who has important duties to perform in connection with the coming military maneuvers at Manassas, is visiting his sister at 1451 Q street northwest for a few days.
Capt. J. P. Megrew, chief of the Capitol police force, has resumed his duties, having returned from New York state, where he

Dr. D. Persey Hickling has returned to the Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given has returned from the mountains of West Virginia, where he has been spending several weeks at Brookside with his fam-ily. Mr. Given was recently appointed to take charge of the prosecution of cases in the United States branch of the Police Court in the place of Alexander R. Mullowny, who is to be detailed at the district attorney's office in the city hall.

Dr. D. Elmer Wiber has returned to the

Mr. H. B. Stevens of the Department of Commerce and Labor is in Boston, Mass., to remain several weeks.

Selected for Examination.

There was an early conference in the office of the Secretary of the Navy this morning between Secretary Morton, Assistant Secretary Darling and Brigadier General George F. Elliott, commandant of the Marine Corps, at which selections were made of applicants to take the examination soon to be held to fill the twenty-four vacarcies in the grade of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Announcement of the designations and of the date of the exami-nation will be made later.

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# VOTED TO STAY FIRM

National Board Decides to Continue Struggle.

ADJUSTED BY HONOR

ALL POINTS CAREFULLY INVES-TIGATED, SAY OUTSIDERS.

Those Out of Work Say They Are Voicing Sentiments of the Ones Who Discontinued Labor.

CHICAGO, August 30 .- About two hundred union workmen and women returned to the stock yards this morning and were given work. The packers do not regard this, however, as a break in the ranks of the strikers, and the labor leaders say that the condition is normal, a number having returned and others deserted each day for

some time. The national executive board of the Butcher Workmen, at a meeting this morning, voted not to call off the strike; instead, the struggle is to be continued until the strikers are "accorded an honorable adjustment," according to a statement issued by President Donnelly, as a result of the meet-

"After careful investigation of all points," he said, "we find our members are standing as firmly for the maintenance of the principles involved as they were at the inception of the strike. Hence we believe that in voting to continue the strike until we are accorded an honorable adjustment we are voicing the sentiments of our constitu-

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Sheet Metal Workers to Quit.

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PHILADELPHIA, August 30.-A general strike order to go into effect on Thursday has been issued by the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. This action is the result of the manufacturers' refusal to meet the employes in conference unless an arbitration is first selected to decide all questions upon which conference committees might differ. The agreement existing be-tween manufacturers and workers expires sented by the union and the manufacturers submitted a substitute, which was not acceptable to the employes. They demanded a conference, which they claim has been refused. The strike will affect about 800

# men in this city, which is the center of the sheet metal industry.

VICTIM OF CALUMNIES. Explanation of Mgr. Geay on Vatican Visit. ROME. August 30.-The pope received to-

day in private audience, Monsignor Geay, bishop of Laval, France, who explained that now that France has severed her diplomatic relations with the vatican, he had no more reason to abide by Premier Combes' instructions not to obey his summons to Rome, and had hurried to the vatican, wishing to demonstrate that he is a victim of calumnies and that he can prove hois innocence of the charges brought against him. The bishop was deeply moved,

The pope kindly consoled and encouraged him, saying that if the charges are false, he will have all the assistance necessary to

prove himself innocent. Bishop Geay is one of the French bishops who were summoned to Rome by the vatican for trial or punishment, against which the French cabinet strongly protested, claiming that the disciplining of bishops without first consulting the wishes of the government was against the terms of the concordat. The Vatican's perseverance in the stand it has taken led to the severance of diplomatic relations between France and

#### the Vatican. MAY BE A MAFIA.

Threats of a Man Under Arrest at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 30.-Angered at the arrest of himself and two friends, Andrew Lunedino, an Italian, advised the police that he was under the protection of the "Mafia" and unless he and his companions were at once released the officers would die by assassination. Nothing, he asserted, could happen to any member of the organization, even the most insignificant, but that the same would be avenged. Lunedino's two friends, August Plachero and Julius Rugor, had been arrested as suspicious persons and Lunedino was

charged with interfering with an officer. At the Hearing today Magistrate J. I. Kirby listened attentively to the recital of the threat of the "Mafia" and at its conclusion intimated he was ready to try conclusions with the agents of the society. Plachero and Rugor, on the charge of being suspicious persons, were fined \$25 and costs or sixty days in the workhouse, while Lun-edino, for interfering with an officer, was fined \$10 and costs or thirty days at the workhouse.

## FIND A SHORTAGE.

Safety Deposit Box Shows McVicker Funds Missing. CHICAGO, August 30 .- With the opening

of the safety deposit boxes where Mrs. J. McVicker kept her wealth and the finding of a will has come the announcement by L. D. Condee of a shortage of \$69,000. The amount of money and bonds found, it is said, was under \$200,000, while \$250,000 was the total counted on.

Attorney Condee, representing Horace McVicker, the step-son, declined to discuss the seeming shortage further than to say that he hoped the money would be found in some other place of safe keeping. The will found was not opened.

#### Washington Boys in Custody. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

YORK, Pa., August .29-Benjamin King and Joseph Collins, both well-dressed youths, were captured on a Northern Central 'blind baggage" about 10 o'clock last night. The boys claim their home is in Washington, and the authorities think they